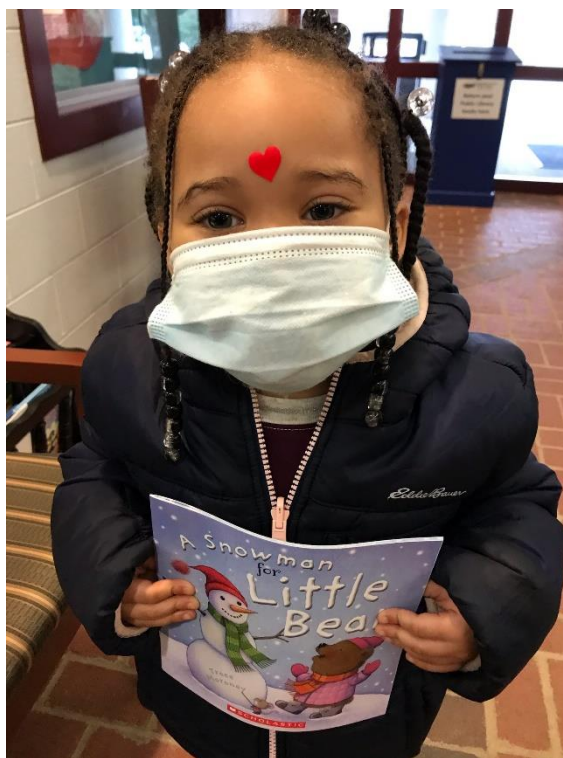
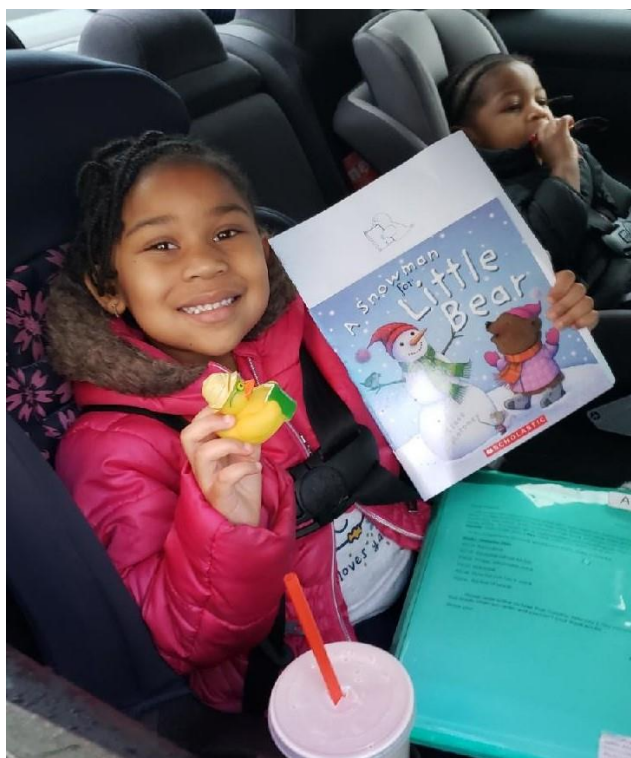




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Cumberland Elementary Preschoolers Get First Book

Charlottesville, Virginia (2/1/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report that 66 preschoolers at Cumberland Elementary School recently received the first of eight book distributions they will receive over the coming weeks as part of QCV's [Racquets for Reading!!!](#) initiative. The books and other FUN giveaways were made possible by a grant from the Scherer Foundation and the generosity of donors Mary Gregorie Burns, Nicole Samulka and Jonathan Harrill. The first book, *A Snowman for Little Bear*, was accompanied by rubber duckies.



An email from Early Childhood Special Educator Kathy McCutcheon and the school's Pre-K team says, "Our Pre-kindergarten children were so excited to receive their first book from your program! Unfortunately, we were not able to take a lot of pictures while handing them out (it was pouring rain the day of our drive-through distribution), but we did snap a few, and families have happily shared pictures of the kids enjoying their new books at home. I am attaching some pictures for you and the other kind contributors. We know the pictures say thank you best! We hope you know what a difference you have made in the lives of our little ones. Early experiences with books, as you know, set kids up for success for many years so the benefits of your gift now will be seen throughout the years to come. Thank you again."

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill adds, "I start smiling immediately when I see an email coming from Cumberland Elementary. I know it's going to make my day. The people there are so positive and know how to maximize the benefits of what they have to

work with. They are so resourceful, upbeat and appreciative. Putting a smile on the face of a preschooler during these crazy times is a gift. Even if they're wearing a mask, I can see their eyes smiling. We looking forward to seeing all the books and giveaways being handed out and a lot more smiles."



Please visit our website to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote early childhood literacy for preschoolers and kindergartners through our [Racquets for Reading!!!](#) initiative.

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